

# GSA selects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP and Clark Construction to design the New United States Courthouse in Los Angeles

Clark/SOM's concept has a strong civic presence rooted in classic principles and incorporates state-of-the-art technology and sustainable features. This target LEED® Platinum courthouse uniquely responds to its downtown location. The courthouse's serrated façade is designed to achieve a north/south orientation that will maximize views while reducing solar heat gain by 47%. The design includes an innovative structural engineering concept that allows the cubic courthouse volume to appear to float over its stone base while being one of the Nation's safest buildings relating to earthquakes and bomb threats. The plan optimizes the courts program and workflow and, ensures efficient operations and maintenance.

## **About Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (SOM)**

SOM is one of the leading architecture, interior design, engineering, and urban planning firms in the world, with a 75-year reputation for design excellence and a portfolio that includes some of the most important architectural accomplishments of the 20th and 21st centuries. Since its inception, SOM has been a leader in the research and development of specialized technologies, new processes and innovative ideas, many of which have had a palpable and lasting impact on the design profession and the physical environment. The firm has been honored with more than 1,400 awards for quality, innovation, and management. The firm maintains offices in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, London, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Brussels, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

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